

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

### 6:00 PM WORKSHOP    REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Carolyn Chang. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 3, 2013. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

#### Roll Call:

Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Chang	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator and Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk were present.

Minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. ; second by Mr. .  
All voted yes.

#### **Scheduled Appointments**

Four H Builders 6:00 PM – workshop with Four H Builders

#### **Comments on agenda items**

No comments were made

#### **New Business**

Burlington County Community Development Block Grant Program 2013 – we did receive a grant in 2012. This grant would be used for a walkway at the Sports Complex; if anyone on the Committee was interested in attending these meetings, let Donna know and she would sign them up. The meetings are held quarterly.

Rancocas Community Center Annual Report – the Rancocas Fire House is leased from the Township.

JIF Elected Official's Seminar, Wed., March 13, 2013 @ 5:30 PM – if any Committee members attend, we receive a \$250 discount per member off our insurance premium for the year.

Police Report – Rick Smith reported that the K9 will be finishing up patrol school; he hyper extended his jaw and couldn't bite for ten days; extending his training. Mr. Daniels commented regarding the note contained in the Police report commending Officer Bialous on the way he handled a situation; he wanted to extend kudos to him. He thanked Chief Smith and each of the officers and the way they handle themselves.

EMS Report – this report covers November and December.

NJ Municipal Budget Process Seminar, Bowman & Company – the seminar held on January 31<sup>st</sup> is the closest location; Ms. Telesia would attend. Time is from 6 PM to 9 PM. Mayor Chang attended it last year.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan apologized for turning the report in late; all storm clean up has finally been finished. The Committee thanked him for doing a great job with the clean up.

### **Resolutions**

14-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked about the Open Space fund and asked what improvements were included in Phase 6. Donna stated that she didn't recall at the moment, the phases were written up stairs and are on her desk. Lights are being installed on another field.

15-13 Hire Police Officer - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury commented that it is an exception for the Township to fund Sean Cullen's training; we don't do this since our new hires have usually completed their Police Academy training. He asked if there was something in our contract that stipulated if he were to leave Westampton Township for another town that the new employer would have to reimburse Westampton Township for the training costs if it occurred within a two year period. The Solicitor would check into it but Chief Rick Smith thinks it is in the statute.

16-13 Extension of Development Agreement for Project Freedom, Block 203, Lot 4.02 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked if this was simply an extension; it is. They need it in order to get their tax credits.

Consent Agenda: The following resolutions are subject to one motion, one second and one vote: Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

17-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1405, Lot 24

18-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 801, Lot 4

- 19-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 203.07, Lot 25
- 20-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 203.03, Lot 21
- 21-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 401.01, Lot 17
- 22-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 301.04, Lot 30
- 23-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 301.01, Lot 63
- 24-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 803.03, Lot 52
- 25-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 803.02, Lot 1
- 26-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 401.01, Lot 17
- 27-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1001.06, Lot 10
- 28-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1001.04, Lot 4
- 29-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1306, Lot 4
- 30-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1304, Lot 60
- 31-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1209, Lot 9
- 32-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1209, Lot 5
- 33-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1208, Lot 8
- 34-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1306, Lot 4
- 35-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1410, Lot 11
- 36-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1704, Lot 71
- 37-13 Impose Lien for Grass Cutting, Block 1502, Lot 57

### **Ordinances**

1-2013 Convey Block 203, Lot 4.02 to Project Freedom at Westampton Urban Renewal, L.P. – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This is a housekeeping measure for them to receive their tax credits. Second reading will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Correspondence**

2013 Green Communities Grant – Donna hasn't had time to look into this yet; she would do so and keep it on the agenda.

### **Dates to remember**

JIF Elected Officials Dinner, 3/13/12 @ 6 PM, Charley's Other Brother

Budget Meetings – will be held on Wednesday of next week (January 30) and the following week.

Feb 7 – blood drive at Willingboro JFK high school sponsored by the Democratic Club

### **Comments**

John Augustino – inspections were up and smoke detector inspections were up as well. The issuance of permits was up too as compared to last year.

Daryl Caulfield – has submitted all documentation required by FEMA for reimbursement. He is the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Solicitor George Saponaro – the case was finally settled for the matter involving Lancaster Drive; should be hearing from the attorney in about two weeks.

Donna – would have additional budget information soon.

Mr. Daniels – is reminded that sometimes we take many things for granted. There was a shooting in Texas today, this goes back to what happened on December 14 in Sandy Hook. He extended a thank you to Virginia Grossman for her letter and to Chief Smith for providing the officers at the schools; they responded to the need in such a way that everyone felt safe. You can't put a dollar amount on this; it made the community feel much better.

Mayor Chang – she recalls that the Saturday after the shooting was the Breakfast with Santa and many parents were very nervous at the school; she remembers how comforting it was to have the officers there at the breakfast. She thanked them for that.

Mr. Daniels – acknowledged that yesterday was Dr. Martin Luther King day; he along with the Mayor attended the breakfast yesterday. They heard more about the responsible fatherhood act, A 24-10; it was a good day of service.

Mr. Maybury – it's getting cold out and he isn't appreciating winter anymore. He thanked the residents for coming out to the meeting and told everyone to try and keep warm.

Ms. Teleisa – attended the Westampton Board of Education meeting on January 7; it was informative and she has a good relationship with them. They discussed several issues; they would like our help on a few things. They need seniors to volunteer; flyers would be made up and distributed during the next tax quarter, in February. They need a combined number of 50 students and seniors. The schools would like Chief Smith to attend their next executive session on February 11. Regarding the Rancocas Nature Center, they are discussing a fundraiser. The next meeting is February 11 if anyone wants to attend. The next meeting of the Rancocas Valley Regional High School Board of Education is January 28<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in going. She also attended the Westampton Recreation Meeting; the next will be held on February 13, the same night as the last budget meeting. It was her first one; a very informal meeting.

### **Open to public Comment**

Pat Iannone, 55 Rolling Hills Drive – attended two meetings about the Nature Center; she asked how involved the Township was going to be in this process. The Committee has

discussed this; no decisions have been made as of this point. We are partnering with the County and setting up a meeting with the Nature Center in the next two weeks. There is no lease at the moment on it. Mary Pat Robbie has met with the State on this and will be filling us in. She offered to help if she could in any way.

Dan Dole – thanked Chief Smith for his continued support after the Sandy Hook incident. He thanked the Township Committee and offered his congratulations to Mayor Chang; he looks forward to the continued cooperation and to working together.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk